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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT

REF: RIYADH 27

1. WE CHECKED WITH AMBASSADOR SENSI IN THE QUIRINALE LAST EVENING IN CONNECTION WITH A POSSIBLE DINNER FOR THE SECRETARY DURING THE VISIT IN NOVEMBER. SENSI RECALLED IMMEDIATELY THAT PRESIDENT LEONE HAD EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO HOST THE SECRETARY. SENSI SAID THAT HE AND THE PRESIDENT HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER AND WONDERED IF THE SECRETARY WOULD LIKE A SMALL, INTIMATE PRIVATE DINNER OFFERED BY THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. LEONE IN THEIR PRIVATE APARTMENTS IN THE QUIRINALE. SENSI SAID NO OFFICIALS WOULD BE INVITED BUT THE GUESTS WOULD BE INVITED ON THE BASIS OF SUGGESTIONS FROM SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER AND MIGHT INCLUDE SOME FROM THE DINNER IN JULY. SENSI INDICATED THAT EXACT NUMBERS ARE NOT IMPORTANT.

2. IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT PRESIDENT LEONE WOULD VERY MUCH WISH TO OFFER THE SECRETARY HOSPITALITY. SENSI ADDED THAT IF THE SUGGESTED DINNER WAS NOT FEASIBLE FOR SOME REASON, IT WOULD BE EASY TO ARRANGE FOR THE SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT TO GET TOGETHER NOW THAT THE SECRETARY IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE 18:30 NOVEMBER 4.

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